

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS  
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 24, 2014**

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**Present:**

Council Member Kelly Allen Gray, Chair  
Council Member Danny Scarth  
Council Member Dennis Shingleton  
Alex Jimenez  
Flora Brewer  
Norbert White  
Glen Whitley  
Andy Taft  
MaryEllen Wellbaum

**Absent:**

Barbara Holston  
Lee Nicol  
Perry Pillow  
David Zappasodi

**Staff Present:**

Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager  
Vicki Ganske, Senior Assistant City Attorney  
Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary  
Otis Thornton, Homelessness Services Director  
Maggie Jones, Homelessness Coordinator

**I. Call to Order**

At 3:10 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2014, Chair Kelly Allen Gray called the meeting of the Supportive Housing Task Force to order at the Samaritan House Community Room, 929 Hemphill Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

**II. Introductions**

The Task Force members present introduced themselves.

**III. Task Force Charge and Work Plan**

Assistant City Manager, Fernando Costa reviewed the Task Force Charge and Work Plan.

**IV. Discussion of Study on Dimensions of Quality in Supportive Housing.**

**V. Profiles of Supportive Housing Activities in Other Communities**

Heather Lyons, Senior Program Manager, CSH, Inc. discussed the dimensions of quality in Permanent Supportive Housing:

- Tenant-Centered
- Accessible
- Coordinated
- Integrated
- Sustainable

She also discussed the Project Components and how they relate to each dimension:

- Project Design and Administration
- Property and Housing Management
- Supportive services
- Community

At this time Ms. Lyons discussed Supportive Housing Activities in other communities including the rewards, challenges and funding sources.

**VI. Distribution of Existing Supportive and Affordable Housing.**

M. Otis Thornton, Homelessness Program Director, presented a report on the status of various forms of affordable and supportive housing in the Fort Worth/Tarrant County region. HE discussed rents, income and wage data as well as the location of affordable and supportive housing in the region.

After items IV, V and VI the Task Force discussed the definition of affordable housing and whether that was a term that should continue to be used. They also discussed the housing inventory and how fresh it was and if it covered the right area including areas outside of Fort Worth. They discussed the need for education for the general community about what affordable housing is. The Task Force indicated that they wanted to include a discussion about defining and refining affordable housing policies. The task force discussed the urgency of the need for affordable housing now and over the next 25 years

**VII. Next Meeting: Monday, December 22, 2014.**

**VII. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**IX. Tour of Samaritan House.**

Due to the lateness of the hour the tour was cancelled.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business for the Task Force Chair Allen Gray adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.